Domestic Girlfriend

KODANSHA COMICS

CHAPTER 188

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CHAPTER 188: SIGNS OF LIFE

College Student **Stabbed by Stalker** Regains Consciousness Three Days After Incident

WE'VE RECEIVED WORD THAT THE VICTIM HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS,

AND IS CURRENTLY IN STABLE CONDITION.

WE HAVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE INNER-CITY COLLEGE STUDENT WHOSE LIFE WAS LEFT HANGING IN THE BALANCE AFTER A RECENT STABBING.

青葉総合病院
Aoba General Hospital

MALE COLLEGE STUDENT

Regained consciousness at the hospital last night.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MAKE THE NEWS LIKE *THIS.*

I HAVEN'T EVEN MADE MY BOOK DEBUT YET.

THAT'S GREAT NEWS.

HIS FAMILY MUST BE SO RELIEVED.

THE CULPRIT IS FORTUNATELY IN CUSTODY, BUT THIS MUST HAVE ALL COME AS QUITE A SHOCK TO THEM.

IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO PICK UP THE PIECES...

DON'T EVEN TALK LIKE THAT!
IF...IF THE UNSPEAKABLE HAD HAPPENED, I FELT THE ONLY WAY I COULD POSSIBLY MAKE UP FOR IT WOULD BE TO FOLLOW YOU...
YIKES! GOOD THING I CAME BACK.
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GLAD I AM TO HEAR YOUR VOICE AGAIN, NATSUO-KUN!
OH, THANK GOD!
AT LEAST YOUR NAME'S NOT OUT THERE.

WHILE I WAS OUT...
OH, YEAH.

I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT, THOUGH...

...I THINK ...
...MOM SHOWED UP IN MY DREAMS.

YOU'D BETTER THANK HER.
THANK YOU, JUN-CHAN.
I'M SURE ...
...SHE BROUGHT YOU BACK TO US.
YEAH, I'M FINE.
WILL YOU BE OKAY IF WE GO TO WORK?
GOOD MORNING, FUJII-SAN. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
NOT BAD.
THE WOUND STILL HURTS, BUT I'M THINKING CLEARLY.
I TOOK SOME TIME OFF.
DON'T YOU HAVE WORK, TOO, HINA-NEE?
HE'S ALL YOURS, HINA.
AND THE CLUB ...
OH, SHIT. I MISSED OUT ON WORK, DIDN'T I?!
YOU MIGHT WANNA CHECK YOUR MESSAGES IN CASE SOMEONE TRIED TO CALL.
OH, YEAH. I LEFT YOUR PHONE OFF.

YEAH, PEOPLE SURE CALLED!
MAKE SURE YOU LET EVERY-ONE KNOW YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, OKAY?
WHOA!
7:21
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Phone
1 Day Ago
84 New Calls
LINE
3 Hours Ago
37 Notifications
Messages
1 Day Ago
16 New Messages
GOOD IDEA.
RESPONDING TO EVERY-ONE WITHOUT MAKING THEM WORRIED REALLY WORE ME OUT...
I'LL PUT YOUR BED DOWN.
DO YOU NEED TO GO TO THE BATH-ROOM?
PHEW.
I FINALLY GOT THROUGH EVERY-THING...
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF. WHY DON'T YOU REST FOR A BIT?
TAP
Phone

I-IF YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO WALK,
YOU CAN USE THIS IF YOU WANT!
BED
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PAN!
THEY TOOK OUT THE CATHETER THIS MORNING, SO I FEEL LIKE THERE'S STILL A BIT LEFT IN THE TANK,
BUT I SHOULD BE GOOD.
LEFT IN THE TANK ...
THAT'S OKAY! I'M FINE, REALLY!
M-MY WOUND HEALED UP A LOT WHILE I WAS OUT.
AND THE DOC SAID I SHOULD WALK AROUND TO HELP BUILD UP MY STRENGTH, ANYWAY!
O-OH!
BUT ...
YOU JUST WOKE UP,
SO YOU SHOULDN'T PUSH YOURSELF.
AND IT'S NOT GOOD TO HOLD IT.
...
DO-
DO YOU WANNA GO...?

NATSUO-KUN! ARE YOU OKAY?!
THWAP
M-MOMO ?!
I JUST MES-SAGED YOU ON LINE!
HOW'D YOU GET HERE SO FAST?!
I COULDN'T JUST SIT STILL! YOU SCARED ME HALF TO DEATH!
I TOLD ALLIE, BUT HE'S OVER-SEAS RIGHT NOW. HE WAS REALLY WORRIED.
QUIT MAKING A BIG DEAL OUT OF THIS!
OH, AND I CALLED EVERY-ONE AND DRAGGED THEM WITH ME BEFORE THEY WENT TO SCHOOL, TOO.
SHUFズラッ
HUH?! WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL ?!
THE SEMESTER STARTED, RIGHT?!
WELL, OBVIOUSLY WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE.
H-HUH ?
WHERE'S HINA-NEE?!
UNDER THE BED.
TH-THAT WAS CLOSE ...

I HAVE TO SAY, I'M IMPRESSED YOU TOOK A KNIFE TO THE BELLY FOR SOMEONE.
HONESTLY, I DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD THAT KINDA GUTS, SEMPAI.
OH, UH.
YEAH...
I SAW THE NEWS. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD AN OLDER SISTER, NATSUO-KUN.
YOU NEVER MENTIONED ANY SIBLINGS, SO THAT WAS A SURPRISE, TOO.
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LIKE, SAY, IF A GIRL CLOSE TO YOU WERE IN DANGER...
YOU'D PROBABLY DO THE SAME THING, SHIBASAKI.
WHEN IT'S TO PROTECT SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO YOU, YOUR BODY JUST KINDA MOVES ON ITS OWN.
SEE-YA. WE'LL SWING BY AGAIN.
REST WELL.
...IMPORTANT.
SOMEONE...
WHAT? IT WAS JUST AN EXAMPLE.
HEY...!
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?

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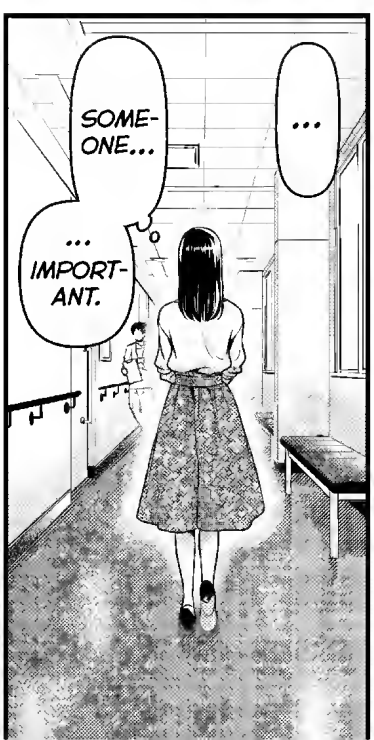
OH, YEAH. WHERE'D HINA-NEE GO, ANYWAY?
MAYBE SHE SNUCK OUT OF THE ROOM...

YOU WERE UNDER THERE THE WHOLE TIME?!
WITH THE BED PAN?!
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO REACT, SO I JUST DUCKED UNDER-NEATH...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SOME-ONE...
... IMPORT-ANT.

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YOU MIGHT GET MORE VISITORS, SO I'LL JUST EXCUSE MYSELF FOR A WHILE.
LINE ME IF YOU NEED ANY-THING.
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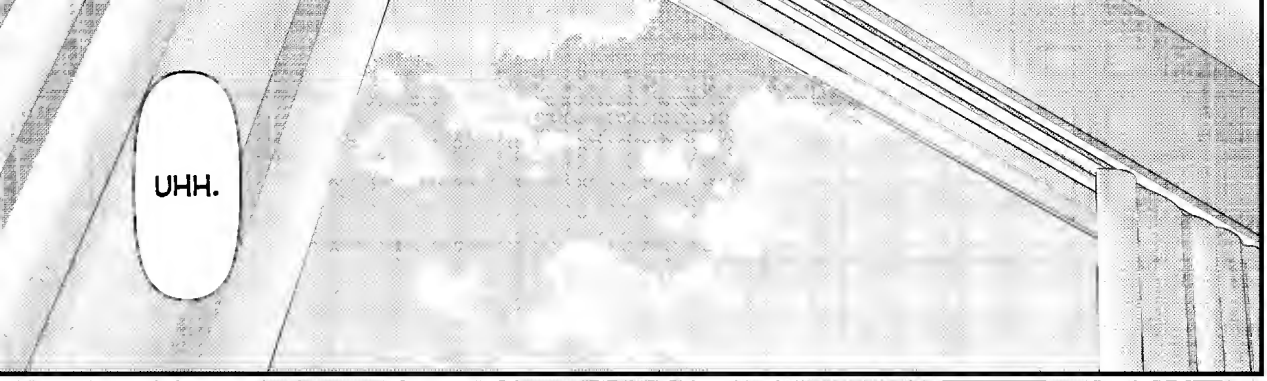
S-SORRY...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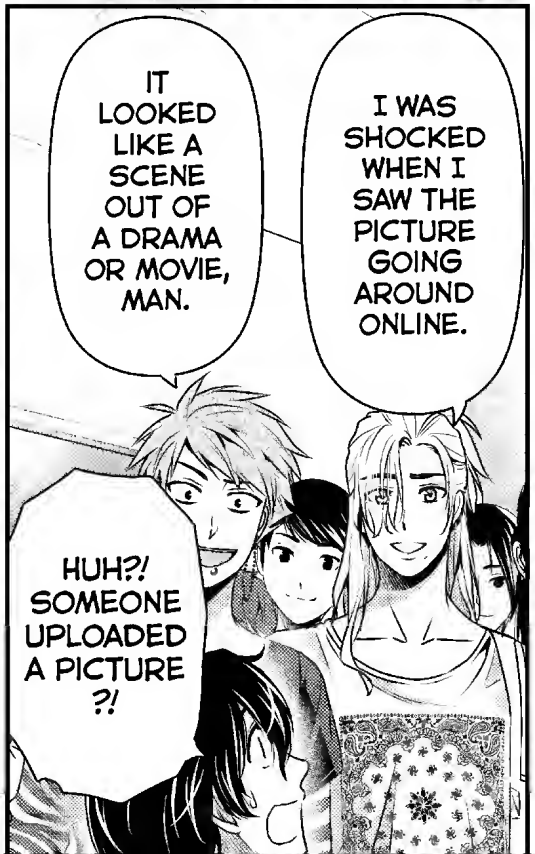
DID YOU HAVE TO BRING EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE CLUB?

OH...
BUT EVEN ZOOMED IN, YOU COULD *BARELY* TELL IT WAS YOU, SO I DON'T THINK YOUR IDENTITY'S OUT THERE.


IT LOOKED LIKE A SCENE OUT OF A DRAMA OR MOVIE, MAN.
I WAS SHOCKED WHEN I SAW THE PICTURE GOING AROUND ONLINE.
HUH?! SOMEONE UPLOADED A PICTURE ?!

YEAH. I DIDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE HER WITH THE NEW HAIRSTYLE.
YOU *JUST* NOTICED ?
WAIT, SERIZAWA ?!

IT MIGHT BE NICE FOR YOUR UPCOMING ROLE, TOO.
COOL.
LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.
CUTE, HUH? SHE SAID SHE CHANGED UP HER BANGS FOR A NEW LOOK!
HUH...
NOPE.
QUITE THE OPPO-SITE.
HUH?
DID I MAKE HER MAD?
...!
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THE COAST SHOULD BE CLEAR, RIGHT?
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EVE-NIN'.
OH! FUMIYA-KUN!

I PUT SOME NURSE-THEMED STUFF IN THERE FOR YOU.
NOT AT ALL. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE.
SORRY. AM I INTER-RUPTING?
HUH?
CARE PACK-AGE?
MY CARE PACKAGE MIGHT ACTUALLY COME IN HANDY.
YOU'RE LOOKING BETTER THAN I EXPECT-ED
...!
OH, AND I'M ONLY LENDING THEM TO YOU, OKAY?
SAVOR THEM WHILE YOU CAN!
WHAT'D HE LEND YOU?
B-BOOKS ...
SOME-THING TO PASS THE TIME, HE SAID.
OH, I SEE. THAT'S BEST FRIENDS FOR YOU.
READING'S YOUR FAVORITE PASTIME, AFTER ALL.
DON'T MIND ME. READ WHENEVER YOU FEEL LIKE.

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SURE.
LIKE I CAN LOOK AT PORN WITH HINA-NEE AROUND!
DAMN YOU, FUMIYA.
NURSE-THEMED ...
NURSE-THEMED.
JUST FOR YOOoou.

OH, GOSH. I THOUGHT I'D SLEEP ON THE COUCH...
...BUT I DOZED OFF.
OW, MY BACK...
HUH?
IS IT JUST ME...
...OR ARE THE SHEETS BULGING?
OH, NO!
IS SOMETHING SWOLLEN?!
DID SOMETHING GO WRONG WITH THE IV?!
FWAP

BRRR

WELL,
DUH.
そっ PEEK
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HE'S BEEN BEDRIDDEN FOR DAYS.
MAKES SENSE.
WHY AM I GETTING EMBARRASSED, ANYWAY?
IT'S JUST A NATURAL BODILY FUNCTION.
IN OTHER WORDS ...
NATSUO-KUN!
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...IT'S PROOF ...
...THAT NATSUO-KUN'S ALIVE!
FOR A MINUTE THERE, I REALLY THOUGHT WERE GOING TO LOSE HIM.
THANK GOD HE'S OKAY,
AND HEALTHY AGAIN.
I'M SO GLA-

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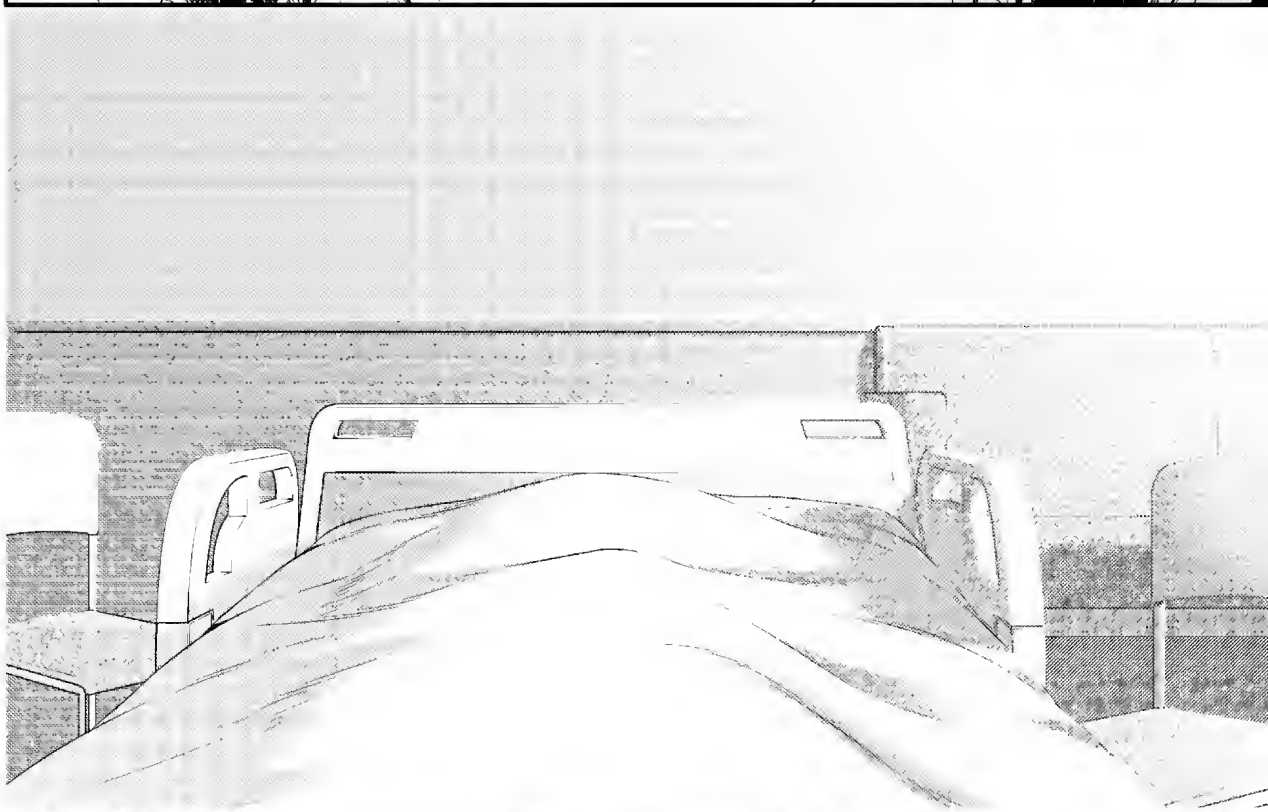

DID SHE GO HOME?
HUH?
WHERE'S HINA-NEE?

FWAH...
MORNING ALREADY?
I FEEL LIKE I BARELY SLEPT...

BUT HER BAG'S OVER THERE...

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ACK!
I-I'M GONNA GO CHANGE THE VASE WATER.
OH, SURE...
...?
PAT ぽん
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...
YOU SCARED ME! DID SOMEONE BARGE IN AGAIN?!
UM, MORE LIKE SOMETHING POPPED UP...
HUH?!
NOTHING. NEVER MIND.
...
NATSUO-KUN...

I'M SO GLAD...
...YOU'RE OKAY!
FWIP
GASP
HUH ...?
THUD
AWW, C'MON!